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# the **AMAZING** **SPIDER-MAN**

**BLOOD  
HUNT**

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IN MEMORIAM

## DON PERLIN

1929 - 2024



Marvel pauses to remember longtime penciler, inker and former managing art director Don Perlin, who co-created Moon Knight and was a mainstay on series such as *Defenders*, *Ghost Rider* and *Werewolf by Night*. Born Aug. 27, 1929, in New York City, Perlin studied under Burne Hogarth and attended the Cartoonists and Illustrators School. He began professional work in the late 1940s and would work with Will Eisner on *The Spirit* comics before being drafted in 1953. Perlin wouldn't come back to comics full-time until the 1970s, when Marvel Editor in Chief Roy Thomas recruited him to draw *Werewolf by Night*. In that series, he co-created the vigilante hero Moon Knight with writer Doug Moench. He also co-created Tigra with Tony Isabella and was the longest-running penciler on the *Defenders* series. In the 1980s, he became Marvel's managing art director, working under John Romita Sr. and, among other things, helping oversee the up-and-coming artists in the Romita's Raiders program. He moved on in the 1990s to Acclaim and Valiant comics, where he co-created some of their most important characters. Perlin was well-liked in the comics field and respected for decades of great work. Our hearts go out to his family and all those who knew and loved him.





PETER PARKER HAS THE PROPORTIONAL SPEED, STRENGTH, AND AGILITY OF A SPIDER, ADHESIVE FINGERTIPS AND TOES, AND THE UNIQUE PRECOGNITIVE AWARENESS OF DANGER CALLED "SPIDER-SENSE"! AFTER THE TRAGIC DEATH OF HIS UNCLE BEN, PETER PARKER UNDERSTOOD THAT WITH GREAT POWER THERE MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY. HE BECAME THE CRIMEFIGHTING SUPER HERO CALLED...

# the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

## BLOOD HUNT

### PREVIOUSLY

With the world thrust into eternal night, vampires have taken over, with hordes running feral in the streets. Spider-Man has teamed up with **MISTY KNIGHT** and **LIZARD** to track down and rescue **COLLEEN WING** and **MORBIUS THE LIVING VAMPIRE**, who were kidnapped while Morbius was working on a cure for vampirism. These very desperate times have called for very desperate measures, and the trio were forced to get information from **BEYOND CORP. C.E.O. MAXINE DANGER**. The culprit is none other than Maxine's former lackey **T.J.**, who has started **HEMOGLOBIN, INC.**--a vampire corporation looking to profit off the cure Morbius has been working on. While T.J.'s been giving Morbius a royal welcome, Colleen's been vampirized and thrown into a cell. Now all Spider-Man, Misty, and the Lizard have to do is break into a well-guarded building full of vampires. That's all...

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**HONK  
HONK**

HUH?

I  
LOVE THIS  
PART!

**CRASH**

HEY, BUDDY,  
WAIT UP!

RAWWARRRR.

HE'S  
PRETTY SINGLE-  
MINDED. GUESSING  
HE SMELLS  
MORBIUS.

MISTY, THINK  
YOU CAN FIND  
A TERMINAL FOR  
THE VIRUS MAXINE  
GAVE YOU? I'LL  
FOLLOW LIZZIE.

GOT IT. I'LL  
FIND YOU WHEN  
I'M DONE.

I REALLY  
HOPE YOU  
KNOW WHERE  
YOU'RE  
GOING.

RAWWARRRR.



DING

REALLY?  
NO WELCOMING  
COMMITTEE?

WELL,  
HELLO THERE,  
BEAUTIFUL.

I'M  
EMBARRASSED  
BY HOW EASY  
THIS WAS.

I'VE  
ALREADY  
TOLD  
THEOCRITUS  
THAT HIS  
SECURITY  
STINKS.

GOOD  
TO SEE YOU,  
MISTY.







A multi-panel comic book page. The top panel shows Spider-Man running away from a large, green, tentacle-like monster that is smashing through a wall. The middle panel shows Spider-Man in the air, surrounded by a crowd of people, with the monster in the background. The bottom panel shows Spider-Man hanging upside down from a ledge, looking down at a group of people running away from the monster. The monster is a large, green, tentacle-like creature with a purple body and a white mask.


HEY,  
MAYBE  
WE SHOULD  
MAKE A  
PLAN...!

OKAY, HERE'S  
THE PLAN: YOU FIGHT  
THEM, I'LL FIND  
MORBIUS.

WHERE THERE'S  
A LAB, THERE'S A  
BRILLIANT DOCTOR  
CURSED TO ALWAYS  
BE RESEARCHING  
THE CURE TO  
HIS AILMENT.

YOU'VE  
GOT TO BE  
KIDDING.





COLLEEN,  
THIS ISN'T  
YOU.


A comic book panel showing Colleen, a woman with a large afro and a red and blue suit with a gold gauntlet, looking at Theocritus. Theocritus is a man with long red hair, a white shirt, and a white mask with a single eye. He is pointing his finger.

OH, BUT  
IT IS. THEOCRITUS DID  
ME A FAVOR. HE IS A  
VISIONARY.



THEOCRITUS...?  
YOU MEAN T.J.?!  
HE TRIPPED AND  
SPILLED A ROOT BEER  
ON YOU AT THAT  
BEYOND MIXER  
WE WENT TO. YOU  
CANNOT BE  
SERIOUS.

A comic book panel showing Colleen looking angry and shouting. Theocritus is partially visible in the background.



I DON'T  
ANSWER TO  
CATTLE.

A comic book panel showing Theocritus falling backwards with a shocked expression. Colleen is in the foreground, looking down at him.

DID YOU  
JUST CALL  
ME A COW?  
UH-UH, LET ME  
SHOW YOU MY  
HORNS.

KRAK

A comic book panel showing Colleen holding Theocritus by the neck of his shirt. Theocritus is looking up at her with a determined expression. The sound effect 'KRAK' is written in large, bold letters.





RAWRRRR!

HISSSSS!

HISSSSS!

BOOM!

BOOM!

MY TURN.

RAWRRRR!!!

RAWRRRRRR!

HISSSSS!





I DON'T  
SUPPOSE ANY  
OF YOU CAN  
DIRECT ME TO  
**DR. MICHAEL  
MORBIUS?**  
VAMPIRE, BUT  
ALSO HUMAN,  
BAD ATTITUDE?



HIGGGGGSSSS!

WAIT!



HE'S IN  
LAB FOUR, BACK  
THE WAY YOU CAME.  
HURRY! EVEN WITH T.J.'S  
"CURE," WE CAN'T  
FIGHT THE HUNGER  
FOR LONG.



THWIP  
THWIP

THWIP  
THWIP

THANKS!  
I'M JUST GOING  
TO...AH...MAKE  
SURE YOU ALL  
STAY PUT.

NONE  
OF US  
**CHOSE**  
THIS, YOU  
KNOW.

I  
KNOW.



BINGO.



PLEASE  
TELL ME  
THAT'S A CURE,  
BECAUSE WE  
HAVE QUITE THE  
**PANDEMIC**  
ON OUR  
HANDS.





AH, I  
SUPPOSE YOU THINK  
YOU'RE HERE TO  
RESCUE ME?



WAIT,  
IS THIS  
WHERE YOU  
TELL ME YOU'RE  
STICKING WITH  
TEAM FANG  
AND I CAN  
GO POUND  
SAND?

DO YOU  
KNOW THE  
SINGLE BIGGEST  
CHALLENGE  
TO BEING A  
SCIENTIST?



KEEPING  
THOSE LAB  
COATS WHITE?  
NO, WAIT, IS IT  
INTERNET RANDOS?  
EVERYONE DOES  
THINK THEY'RE A  
GENIUS THESE  
DAYS...



IT'S  
FUNDING!

DO YOU KNOW  
HOW MANY YEARS  
I'VE HAD TO CONDUCT  
MY RESEARCH IN THE  
BOWELS OF THIS CITY?  
AND NOW, FOR THE FIRST  
TIME IN MONTHS,  
I HAVE REAL  
EQUIPMENT.

COOL, BUT  
YOU DO KNOW  
THAT YOUR  
NEW BESTIE IS  
TURNING PEOPLE  
INTO VAMPIRES  
AGAINST  
THEIR  
WILL?









YOU MAKE  
AN EXCELLENT  
POINT, SPIDER-MAN.  
FOR NOW, I WILL  
PUT ASIDE MY OWN  
GOALS TO HELP THE  
CURSED CREATURES  
CREATED BY THIS  
CORPORATION.



SPIDER-MAN!  
SECURE THE **BLUE**  
VIALS IN THE  
CHILLER.







COMING THROUGH, FELLAS!



HOW DO I USE IT?

IT'S AN AEROSOL DROP ONE OF THE VIALS INTO THE COILS ON THE COOLING SYSTEM! IT SHOULD DISPERSE EASILY FROM THERE.



ON IT!  
UH, GOOD LUCK WITH THAT.



COOLING SYSTEM, HUHP?



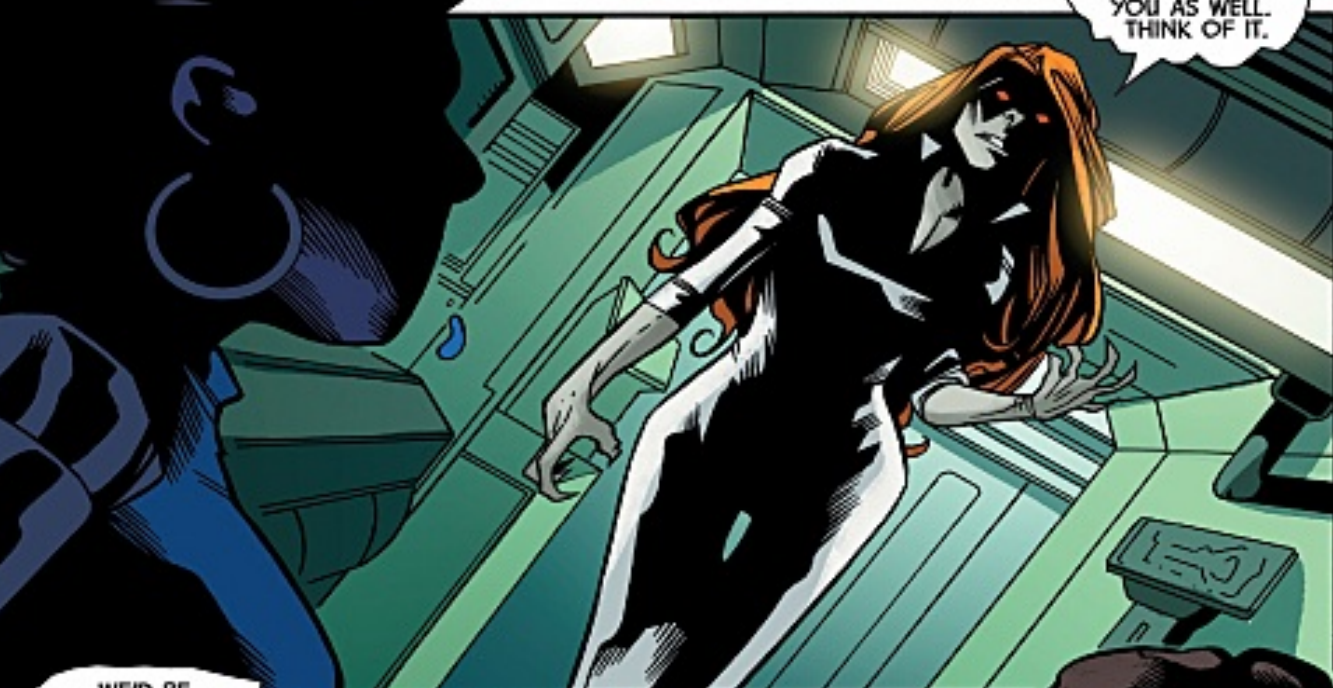
THAT MEANS HEADING TO THE ROOF.





THAT  
ALL YOU GOT,  
GIRL? THE FANGS  
HAVE MADE  
YOU SLOW.

MISTY, WE  
DON'T HAVE  
TO FIGHT. LET  
THEOCRITUS TURN  
YOU AS WELL.  
THINK OF IT.



WE'D BE  
UNSTOPPABLE.



NAH, I'M  
GOOD.  
NOW...  
WHERE WERE  
WE...?







OKAY,  
JUST HAVE  
TO DUMP  
THIS IN  
THE--CRAP.

CRASH

I'M GOING  
TO STOP YOU RIGHT  
THERE BEFORE YOU DO  
SOMETHING YOU'LL  
REGRET.

REGRET?  
YOU MEAN  
LIKE EATING AN  
ENTIRE PIZZA? OR  
DUMPING THIS  
VIAL INTO THE  
AIR-HANDLING  
SYSTEM?

FUNNY,  
SPIDER-MAN,  
BUT HEMOGLOBIN,  
INC., HAS GIVEN PEOPLE  
OPPORTUNITIES THEY  
NEVER WOULD'VE HAD.  
THAT DOESN'T  
NEED A CURE.



SOME OF  
THESE PEOPLE CAME  
TO ME WITH PROMISE,  
THAT IS TRUE.

"BUT SO MANY OF  
THEM WERE LOSERS,  
JUST EATING OUT A  
MEAGER EXISTENCE.

"I GAVE  
THEM MEANING,  
DIRECTION, AND—  
WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING?"

OH, SORRY,  
DIDN'T WANT TO INTERRUPT  
YOUR MONOLOGUE. YOU WERE  
SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT  
NOT NEEDING A CURE? YEAH,  
HARD DISAGREE.

DRIP

SWASH









MAXINE?

T.J.  
DID YOU EVEN  
BOTHR TO READ THE  
**NONCOMPETE**  
CLAUSE IN YOUR  
CONTRACT?

NOW,  
LET'S BE REALISTIC.  
I CAN HAVE ONE OF  
MY MANY PROXIES  
DESTROY YOU IN  
COURT, OR--

OR?

TAKE THE CURE FROM  
THE WEB-SLINGER THERE AND  
COME BACK TO WORK FOR ME.  
I FIND MYSELF IN NEED OF  
A DEDICATED ASSISTANT.



I'LL  
GO WITH  
OPTION  
ONE!

AS  
THOUGH I WAS  
GOING TO GIVE  
YOU A CHOICE,  
NET HIM.




POP

BY THE WAY,  
WE MADE THAT  
NET JUST FOR  
YOU: SILVER-LINED  
STEEL NETTING.  
TRY NOT TO  
SQUIRM TOO  
MUCH.

GHHAH!








HERE'S THE  
BREAKDOWN OF  
MORBIUS' DATA RELATED TO  
HIS CURE. WE PUT IT TO THE  
SIDE WHEN WE SCRUBBED  
EVERYTHING ELSE.


WAIT, YOU  
WANT ME TO BELIEVE  
THAT YOU DELETED  
EVERYTHING ELSE AND  
MANAGED TO SAVE  
JUST *THIS*?



BELIEVE WHAT YOU  
WANT. GIVE MORBIUS MY  
REGARDS. HE MAY USE THE  
LABS AND THE BUILDING  
AS LONG AS  
HE LIKES.

WAIT,  
SO THIS WAS  
A BEYOND  
PROJECT?

IT IS  
*NOW*. UNTIL  
NEXT TIME,  
SPIDER-  
MAN!




HEY, DR. MIKE  
SAID I'D FIND  
YOU UP HERE.  
WAS THAT  
MAXINE?

YEP.

LET ME  
GUESS, SHE  
DID SOMETHING  
VAGUELY HELPFUL  
BUT ALSO SELF-  
SERVING AND NOW  
YOU FEEL LIKE  
YOU NEED A  
SHOWER?

PRETTY MUCH,  
DID YOU FIND  
COLLEEN?

YEP.



"SHE'S WITH THE  
VICTIMS. WE'RE  
GOING TO HELP THEM  
FIGURE OUT A WAY  
TO GO HOME."



SO  
THE CURE  
WORKED?

TO A  
POINT.

"THE CURE WORKED  
ON ALL OF THE  
VAMPIRES CREATED  
BY HEMOGLOBIN,  
BUT MORBIUS  
AND THE OLDER  
ONES WERE LEFT...  
UNCHANGED."


WELL,  
TELL HIM HIS WORK  
ISN'T LOST. HIS NOTES  
ON THE SYNTHESIS OF THE CURE  
ARE ALL HERE, AND HE CAN  
USE THE LAB AS LONG  
AS HE WANTS.

YOU  
COULD TELL HIM  
YOURSELF.


I HAVE  
PLACES TO BE. NYC  
IS TRULY THE CITY  
THAT NEVER SLEEPS.  
LATER.

THWIP






NOTHING HAS CHANGED. WE HELPED A FEW PEOPLE, BUT IT'S STILL *THIS*. A BAND-AID ON A GUNSHOT WOUND.



HIS CURE SYNTHESIZED WITH MY WEBS ARE A GOOD COMBO. FOR THE SMALL PERCENTAGE OF HEMOGLOBIN VAMPIRES.



THWIP THWIP THWIP




THE PEOPLE WHO WERE JUST IN THE WRONG PLACE AT THE WRONG TIME... THEY HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE AT LIFE.



AND PEOPLE WILLING TO HELP MAKE SURE THEY SURVIVE LONG ENOUGH TO APPRECIATE THAT.



ANOTHER CHANCE?



THAT'S CLOSER TO HAPPILY EVER AFTER THAN MOST OF US GET.

THE END!



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## HEY, WEB-HEADS!

Thanks for joining us on this side quest as we have hunted for blood! This series has been a blast to work on, thanks to JUSTINA, MARCELO, CHRIS, ROBERTO, CRAIG, RACHELLE, CORY, and TRAVIS! You thought so too, and we wanted to share a few letters some of you wrote in to tell us so!

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Hello,

Justina Ireland got it done here. I don't know if her scripts were heavily edited or what, but she fits into the Spidey mythos just fine. Love Colleen Wing and Misty Knight! So not fair that Misty appears in like a half dozen titles in the last ten years, and Colleen just a few. Do you think they could have their own series again, Misty and Colleen? They go back quite a ways, and I think they were created by some guys named Claremont and Byrne! There was a DAUGHTERS OF THE DRAGON miniseries, but--WHAT "Dragon" does that refer to? Short of calling said potential series "Knight and Wing" or other combinations thereof, best to tie it in with Heroes for Hire, which, really, I see no reason why it can't and shouldn't be called Super Heroes for Hire instead; with a rotating cast of thousands (or less) and at its core is Knight, Wing, Cage and Iron Fist, and (maybe) Morbius! I mean, did you key into the sexual tension between Colleen and Dr. Mike--Morbius--this first ish? Paladin could be on S-HFH...he goes where the money is; and of course, there're so many others, like Silver Sable, etc. So, this was good enough for starters! Only a short mini, but who knows what lurks "beyond"...Blood Hunt!

Cheers,  
Andrew J. Shaw

P.S.: And can we not get Colleen Wing a not-completely-one-color super-outfit?

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Thanks for writing in, Andrew! You're talking to one of the biggest fans of Misty and Colleen (if anyone hasn't read the DAUGHTERS OF THE DRAGON series by JED MacKAY, TRAVEL FOREMAN & JOEY VAZQUEZ, do yourself a favor). They weren't created by Claremont & Byrne, but the duo did some of their seminal tales. Their creation, friendship, and professional relationship is one of the exemplary stories of creators working separately but building on each other's work in such wonderful ways. It's like the characters themselves are forcing their continued existence. Now, will the characters push for the Colleen/Morbius relationship Andrew picked up on?!?!?

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Hi, Spidey-Office,

Just finished up ASM: BLOOD HUNT #1--I love when you guys bring in guest writers and artists to keep things fresh. Spidey looks amazing in this issue and the color...gorgeous. Hats off to the whole team on this one!

Zachary Garrison  
Los Angeles

Thanks for writing in, Zachary! Glad you liked the issue, and thanks to all of you for reading. We're going to sign off here. I assume that you're already reading the main AMAZING SPIDER-MAN book, but if not, YOU BETTER GO GET IT NOW! We're in the middle of one of the craziest and most action-packed story arcs ever done. AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #53 went on sale just last week, so your comic shop might still have it. Otherwise, AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #54 is just two weeks away on sale July 31st!



# BLOOD HUNT

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